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Period _____

Chapter 15 – Rome & Christianity

I. New Religion

- a. Pax Romana made it possible for people _____
- b. People practiced many different _____
- c. A.D. 40, empire began to hear stories about a new religion whose followers

 - i. Many of his followers changed their lives completely
 - ii. Man named Paul traveled around the empire trying to

- d. most Romans ignored the new religion

II. _____

- a. Jesus lived and preached first to Jewish community (Middle East)
 - i. Arguments started between _____
 - ii. A.D. 36, first known Christian _____ killed because of his religious beliefs
- b. _____ became two different religions with different beliefs
- c. Christians were easy to blame for problems because people didn't know much about them
- d. Roman Empire _____ (2nd & 3rd century)

- e. When Christians _____, they were arrested and sometimes executed
- f. _____ were slaves, prisoners of war, or condemned criminals forced to fight to death (Some Christians were criminals.)
- g. A.D. 310, although many Christians _____, many people began to sympathize with them
- h. Viewed as calm, courageous, and willing to stand up to their beliefs
- i. Well organized, belonged to communities, had leaders, and gathered donations and resources to help others in need

III. A Christian Roman Empire

- a. Fourth Century, Roman Empire _____ and Christianity was a growing religion
 - b. Emperor _____ signed Edict of Milan in 313A.D. making Christianity _____
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